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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear United States Dept. of Justice,

Under the Tunney Act, I would like to provide my comments regarding the Microsoft settlement.

As a US citizen and a tax payer, I'm very concerned and quite frankly disappointed about the continued efforts of my government to pursue a company that continues to innovate. Here is a company that started with nothing, developed quality software at very competitive prices, became successful and now the government wants to punish them. Microsoft's software continues to deliver more features, integrate additional applications, increase performance, all at lower prices. As a consumer, I'm not sure how I'm harmed.

I disagree with the appeals court ruling against Microsoft, but respect there decision. I feel the recent settlement reached is tough, but reasonable and fair to all parties involved. I, along with many others consumers overwhelmingly agree that settlement is good for them, the industry and the American economy. I hope you reach the same conclusion.

Regards,
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